



## WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENT INVITATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURE

1. An invitation to host the Indiana State Women's Championship Tournament must be submitted to the Indiana State USBC WBA Association Manager no later than July 1 four years preceding the year for which the association is bidding. The invitation should include letters from the local association and interested bowling centers. Letters from other interested parties, such as a convention and visitor's bureau, mayor, etc., should be included.
2. A minimum of 56 lanes is required - 24 for the team events and 32 for doubles and singles. Joint bids with fewer lane beds will be considered on an individual basis as received.
3. The Indiana State USBC WBA Site Inspection Committee, consisting of the President and Association Manager, or their representatives, will visit the city (or cities) and bowling centers to determine acceptability before the invitation is presented to the Indiana State USBC WBA board.
4. All invitations approved by the Indiana State USBC WBA Site Inspection Committee will be presented to the Indiana State USBC WBA board of directors for approval at their fall board meeting following the invitation deadline. Bidding associations will be notified of Indiana State USBC WBA board approval/non-approval. Approved invitations will be presented for vote of the delegates at the Indiana State USBC WBA annual meeting three (3) years in advance of the tournament.
5. It is expected that lanes be available starting the third weekend in March and continuing for a period of five to nine weekends, depending upon number of available lanes and projected entries. Larger centers selected for the tournament will be expected to provide time for a minimum of four (4) squads each weekend, allowing 3-1/2 hours for team event and 4 hours for the doubles and singles events. Additional squads may be required when the hosting centers are smaller and can provide only the minimum number of lanes.
6. An association with an approved bid may have a booth and/or hospitality area (in conjunction with their local convention and visitor's bureau if desired) on Saturday morning of the Indiana State USBC WBA Annual Meeting at which their invitation will be considered. Such promotion may not continue once the Annual Meeting has begun. The association(s) may provide gifts and/or other promotional items for the delegates, but such items should be kept to a reasonable number and cost. Guidance in this area may be obtained from the Indiana State USBC WBA President and/or Association Manager.

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